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Dear Andy:

The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) understands many contractors are concerned over potential impacts of the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak to their operations on existing and future transportation contracts, including labor force and supply chain disruptions and suspensions/cancellations of work. These impacts will likely vary from one contract to another. As a result, the Iowa DOT will address these impacts on a case-by-case basis. The Iowa DOT *Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction* contain adequate provisions to modify existing contracts. Specifically, time extensions or acceleration may be considered if needed to adjust or meet completion dates.

To help the contracting community manage the continuing uncertainties associated with the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak, the Iowa DOT hereby waives the formal notice requirements set forth in Articles 1109.10 and 1111.03 of the Standard Specifications for COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak-related impacts. This waiver is specific and limited to COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak-related project impacts that may arise this construction season only and is being granted due to the nature of these impacts being uncertain, unpredictable, and occurring perhaps very suddenly.

Despite this waiver of formal notice requirements, we want to emphasize the importance of timely communication by all contractors of specific COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak-related project impacts as soon as they are known. Specific project impacts and any corresponding requests for administrative relief should be communicated to the Resident Construction Engineer at the earliest opportunity. Timely communication is critical to best mitigate and manage project impacts and identify issues and trends that may help on other Iowa DOT projects.

The Iowa DOT remains committed to working with all contractors who experience COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak-related postponements, delays, or other impacts to critical path work on active and pending construction projects, and to our strong partnership with the AGC of Iowa. The Iowa DOT will continue to monitor developments, take appropriate action and keep the contracting community informed as this situation unfolds.

Sincerely,



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